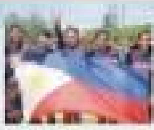
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Ahmadinejad's poll win greeted by riots in Tehran

Celebrities tweet for Suu Kyi release

BANGKOK—HOLLYWOOD STAR JULIA Roberts and detained Chinese activists are among celebrities and political prisoners tweeting and signing petitions for the release of democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma (Myanmar), as she approaches her 64th birthday—her 14th spent in detention.

Suu Kyi will spend her 64th birthday

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'Gibo' shot not for poll bid but birthday toast

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THREE GLASSES OF this and you'll be light-headed enough to think you can run for president and win.

Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro Jr.

GIBO A4



No stopping flu–DOH

Outbreak confirmed at farming community in Nueva Ecija



UNDERWATER COLORS Diverse coral species, fish schools and luminous invertebrates of the Celebes Sea off southern Philippines are captured in this photo taken by Michael Aw, editor of the Ocean Geographic, as part of an exploration project.

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon
and Norman Bordadora in Manila

A REMOTE FARMING VILlage that seldom sees outsiders yesterday became the first area in the Philippines to have a confirmed community outbreak of the swine flu virus, even as officials warned the spread of the virus was inevitable.

Authorities were still trying to find out how the virus—which first erupted in Mexico on March 17 and later hit industrialized countries—squirmed its way into an isolated village in Nueva Ecija, where people travel over rugged roads by motorcycles, pedicabs and "kuliglig," a farm tractor used for transporting rice harvests.

The Department of Health (DOH) declared a community outbreak in Barangay Hilera outside Jaen town proper after 92 human contacts of 11 school children found positive for the virus also showed influenza-like symptoms.

This means that 6.2 percent of the village's population of 1,522 has been affected, said Rio Magpantay, DOH director for Central Luzon.

"The spread of the virus is inevitable. That's the meaning of the pandemic six [alert]," DOH chief epidemiologist Dr. Eric Tayag said, referring to the last week's declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of a swine flu pandemic.

A pandemic declaration doesn't necessarily mean the virus has become more virulent but only that it is spread-

NO STOPPING A18

Docu explores underwater planet off southern RP

By Kristine L. Alave

UNDER THE WATERS OFF SOUTHern Philippines, there's a planet waiting to be discovered.

For many scientists, explorers and divers, the Celebes Sea is an unknown world. Until a couple of years ago, its bastion were unexplored and its inhabitants in the deeper parts unseen.

The Celebes Sea, located between the Philippines and Indonesia, is considered the heart of the Coral Triangle, that watery region that spans the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Covering 5.7 million square kilometers—more than half the size of the United States, the Celebes Sea has the world's highest concentration of corals, marine plants, fish and other sea creatures.

Its Tubbataha Reef, which is within Philippine jurisdiction, is also home to massive coral reef formations that sustain the surface marine life that is the source of livelihood of millions of fishermen and canning companies.

In 2007, Emory Kristof, who found the "Titanic" wreck, along with a band

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Gonzalez's transfer due to age, health

By Christian V. Esguerra and Christine O. Avendaño

SECRETARY RAUL GONZALEZ'S ADvanced age and failing health were the main factors that prompted his transfer from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to Malacañang as chief presidential legal counsel, a Palace official said yesterday.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said there was no truth to Sen. Panfilo Lacson's allegation that Gonzalez was transferred in connection with the Dacer-Corbito double murder case and a separate case involving a Chinese taipan.

"Everyone knows that Secretary

GONZALEZ'S A8

Witness says 5 killers paid ₱250,000

By Marlon Ramos

THE FIVE MEN WHO CARRIED OUT the gangland-style execution of Ruby Rose Barrameda-Jimenez each received ₱50,000 from the in-laws of the victim, a suspect-turned-state witness told police.

A police official said the payment was one of the "revealing" contents of the affidavit of Manuel Montero, who turned himself in more than two years after the abduction and murder.

Montero's admission of the crime led to the retrieval on Wednesday of the steel box containing Ruby Rose's remains from the silted waters off Navotas in Manila Bay. The body was squeezed into a steel drum that was filled with concrete and encased in a welded steel box.

The official agreed to share some of the contents of Montero's affidavit on condition of anonymity as he was barred from discussing the details of the horrifying murder with the media.

The official said Montero directly

WITNESS A20

'JUSTICEABLE' CAUSE FOR SC

There's time for Con-ass, say GMA allies

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S allies in the House of Representatives believe there is enough time to amend the Constitution and secure a Supreme Court ruling on it before the 2010 elections.

Sorsogon Rep. Jose Solis and Nueva Ecija Rep. Rodolfo Antonino, stalwarts of the administration-backed Lakas-Kampi-CMD, revealed that the House would immediately convene a constituent assembly (Con-ass) even without the Senate after the President's State of the Nation Address (Sona) on July 27.

The move, Solis and Antonino said, would be enough to create a "justiciable" cause for the high court to decide whether a Con-ass, as a Charter change (Cha-cha) mode, could be formed by House members representing the three-fourths vote needed to convene such an assembly.

The Senate has argued that voting in a Con-ass, contained in House Resolution No. 1109 approved earlier this month, should be made separately and not jointly.

"This matter has taken unnecessary pub-

THERE'S A20



BAGUIO'S first City Hall in 1910. Reminiscent of half-timber construction of medieval Europe.

PHOTO REPRODUCTION BY RONY VOPILLADO

Baguio City's renewal rests on its uniqueness

By Amando Doronila

(Last in a series)

ANALYSIS

BAGUIO CITY—IN A BREAK WITH tradition, President Macapagal-Arroyo stood history on its head by shifting the center of 111th Independence Day celebration to Koronadal City, South Cotabato, away from Imperial Manila, signaling the flow of political power to regional growth centers and her downgrading of Manila as a strategic political base.

The shift of focus to the regions came as Ms Arroyo faced growing unrest in Manila stemming from the backlash of the scheming through in the House of Representatives of a resolution convening Congress into a constituent assembly to amend the 1987 Constitution without the participation of the Senate.

In overturning tradition, Ms Arroyo

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Left eyes 3 Senate seats

ILOILO CITY—ENCOURAGED BY THEIR SUCcesses in party-list polls, a coalition of activist groups will aim for three seats in the Senate in the 2010 elections, Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño, said over the weekend.

Archbishop of Palo says no to Cha-cha

Lakas-Kampi CMD, LP, NP likely to slug it out in 2010



Mar makes traditional 'pamanhikan' with matching 'mambabalagtas'

Band of Pinoy robbers nabbed in Thailand

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Chinoy bags gold in Math tilt

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Low pressure area spotted in Visayas

By Nikko Dizon

IT WILL BE RAINY IN THE WESTERN SEC...

cities of the Visayas and Mindanao, the weather bureau said yesterday.

A low pressure area has been spotted 290 kilometers east of the Visayas at around 2 p.m. yesterday, embedded along the intertropical convergence zone, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

The low pressure area will also affect Southern Luzon, Pagasa said in its 5 p.m. weather bulletin.

"Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms becoming cloudy over the eastern section of Visayas with scattered to widespread rains," it said.

The weather bureau also said the rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

Strong quake jolts Mindanao

By Nikko Dizon

A POWERFUL 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Mindanao yesterday and was slightly felt in two Mindanao cities, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said.

Phivolcs said the tremor was both felt in Davao City and Gen. Santos City at a mild intensity 2.

The quake struck at 1:58 p.m. with its epicenter located at 202 kilometers southeast of Gen. Santos City. It occurred 17 km below the earth's surface.

Phivolcs director Renato Solidum said the temblor originated under the sea and was unlikely to cause any damage.

About 1,600 people were killed and billions of pesos worth of property and infrastructure destroyed when a 7.8 magnitude quake struck northern Luzon island in July 1990, the last major earthquake in the country.

With a report from Reuters

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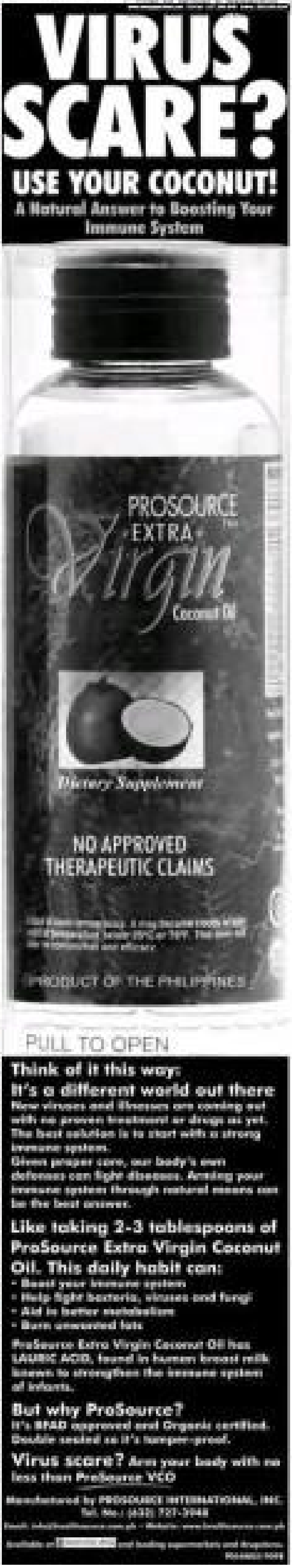

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Spanish gaming firm probed

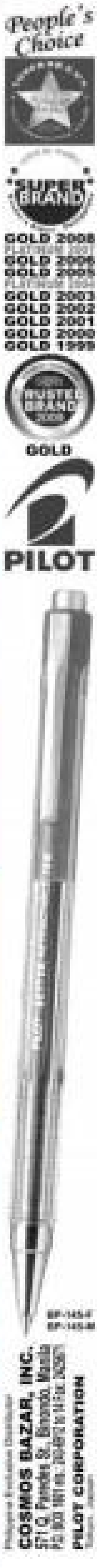
By Gil Cabacungan

THE HOUSE OF Representatives will pursue its inquiry into the propriety of a Spanish gaming firm registered in a Northern Luzon economic zone engaging in betting operations outside its jurisdiction.

150 OFWs repatriated, many still stranded

MORE THAN A thousand distressed overseas Filipino workers remain stranded in the Middle East despite the recent repatriation undertaken by the government on Friday, a migrant workers group said yesterday.







No stopping flu–DOH

Confirmed RP cases: 147

Children recovering well

Policy shift

Suspension of classes

Hilera folk feel stigma of A(H1N1)

Under a stigma

Victims mostly children

GMA to press Japan on Jpepa

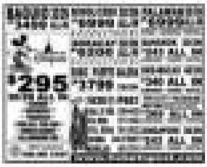




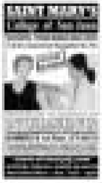
































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'Kapit sa patalim,' that's GMA's situation now

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Neal H. Cruz

Rich man, poor man

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Remembering the 1973 and 1986 turbulence

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Yano dances at Palace 'Rigodon de Honor'

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Hayden's Con-ass

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II



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Reviewing the prewar plebiscites

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



THEY SAID

Nothing new

Suicide pact

Problem isn't communism

LETTERS

'Never again to another dictatorship!'

Environment is priority consideration in Makati

Criminal cases filed in US vs Pinoy officials

Across the NATION

9 gov't troops slain in Sulu clash–AFP

ZAMBOANGA CITY—AT LEAST SIX MARINE soldiers, two policemen and a civilian volunteer were killed in Saturday's clash with Abu Sayyaf bandits in Sulu.

Local execs aiding rebels face sanctions

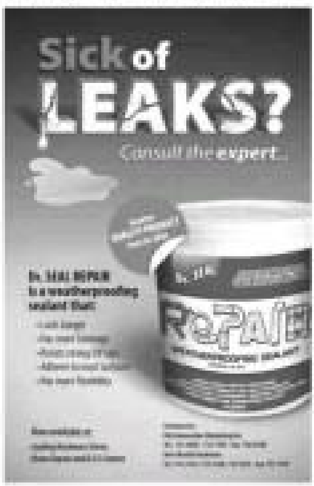
BIR exec gets flak from Negros Oriental traders



Slain lawyer's phone may lead to motive



'Bloody' Sunday in Naga





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BARAGATAN

sa Palawan 2009

GRAND OPENING TODAY OF THE BIGGEST PALAWAN FESTIVAL

June 15, 2009
Provincial Capitol Complex
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Baragatan sa Palawan is a celebration of people, culture, traditions, and resources found in all 23 municipalities of the province. Baragatan means gathering together. It comes from the Cuyonon word "bagat" which means "to meet."

This grand celebration brings together all Palaweños and all those who have made Palawan their home, bringing and sharing with one another the natural and cultural heritage and the beauty and bounty of this province that is made up of more than a thousand islands. Palawan is blessed with two World Heritage Sites – the Tubbataha Reefs National Marine Park in Cagayancillo, Palawan and the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park – and known for its picturesque destinations endowed with beautiful beaches, dive sites, crystal clear waters and verdant mountains.

"This is the time of the year when one can experience Palawan under one roof, so to speak," explains Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes. For this year, the festival has a special Cuyonon day featuring Cuyono music, songs, poetry, dances and delicacies. Modern versions of Cuyono songs and Pinoy rock translated to Cuyonon will be presented in a Cuyono Rock competition. "We have to continue promoting and preserving Cuyono culture because this is our identity and our heritage and our way of manifesting our pride and our sense of patriotism," adds Gov. Reyes.

Baragatan can be likened to a grand reunion of sorts evoking happy memories for those who have been away from home for a long time. For first time visitors, it offers beautiful discoveries of Palawan. Aside from this, it also serves as a convergence zone for business and trade, manpower development and skills training.

The month-long TLDC trade fair, Canaman sa Baragatan (food fair), the garden show opened on June 1 to end on June 30. But today, June 15, is the Grand Baragatan Parade featuring the much-awaited Float Parade competition, the Pintigan sa Baragatan dance parade showdown among local government units participated in by the municipal officials, the Provincial Government of Palawan Employees Streetdancing led by Gov. Joel T. Reyes, Vice Gov. David Ponce de Leon, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and department heads. Also opening today is the LGU Trade Fair, showcasing the agricultural crops, arts and crafts of the different municipalities of Palawan.

The Mutya ng Palawan Talent Night and Coronation Night are set on June 21 and 22 respectively. On June 23, coinciding with the 107th founding anniversary of the establishment of the Palawan civil government, various groups will compete in the Sarakatan sa Dalan or the streetdancing competition.

Gov. Joel T. Reyes and First Lady Madame Fems Reyes invite everyone to come to the Baragatan Festival and discover Palawan, where every island is an adventure.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity
June 1	Opening of Trade Fairs • Blessing of Trade Fair Booths
1-3	Jobs Fair
2-10	2009 Tour of Palawan
2-20	5th Inter-Media Basketball Tournament
3-5	Skills Training
9	Hog and Poultry Raising Seminar
11-15	8th Gov. Joel T. Reyes Cup Palawan National Open Chess Tournament
14	GSM Blue University
15	Eucharistic Celebration • Baragatan Grand Parade • Pintigan sa Baragatan • Float Competition • PGP Employees Streetdancing • Welcome Dinner for LGUs • SMB Battle of the Bands • Guest Performer
15-18	Baragatan Photo Contest and Photography Workshop
15-23	LGU Trade Fair • Calamian Photo Exhibit • Concert at the Park
16	Cuyonon Day • Basic Tipano Workshop • Lutong Asanonan • Cuyonon Night • Cuyono Rock • Plantation Management (Orchard & Industrial Crops)
16-18	Palarong Pinoy
17	On the Spot Painting • Bulilit Talent Showcase • Cultural Extravaganza
18	UN Day sa Baragatan • Tipano Band Contest • Recycling Contest • TLDC Governor's Night
18-19	Abaca Bayabang Bapat Caravan Fun Day
18-20	TLDC National Conference
19	Business Day sa Baragatan • Pista ng Kalikasan • Palawan Pop Idol • Gawad Parangal 2009 Awarding Ceremonies • SMEDS Awards Night
20	Governor's Award • Original Palaweño Music-PMAG Concert • Open Gym for Kids • Jollibee Day • SMART Day & SMART Night • Badminton Inter-Agency Friendship Game
20-21	Coca-Cola Bingo • Airsoft Competition
21	Mutya ng Palawan 2009 Talent Night • 1st Baragatan Run
22	Honors to Former PGP Officials and Employees • 2nd International Business Conference • Cooperative Entrepreneurs Forum • Mutya ng Palawan 2009 Coronation Night
23	Eucharistic Celebration for the 107th Founding Anniversary of the Civil Government of Palawan • Sarakatan sa Dalan • Merrymaking • SMB Night (fireworks)
25	National Palm Oil Congress

Month-long Events (June 1-30)
- Baragatan Bazaar
- Garden Show • TLDC Trade Fair
- Canaman sa Baragatan
- SMB Sabado Nights (June 6/13/20/27)
- Monday Nights Pagmenyo (June 1/8/15/22/29)



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Abnormal levels of mercury found on Semirara

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Witness says 5 killers paid ₱250,000

Ruby Rose's family awaits visit of her 2 daughters

By Allison W. Lopez and Marcy Carvajal

GMA needed in parliament, says Gonzales

There's still time for Con-ass, say GMA allies

Baguio City's renewal rests on its uniqueness

MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

IN BEHALF of the officials and personnel of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), I would like to thank all who made the passage of the CARP Extension with Reform Law possible. This is another major victory especially for our small farmers. It ushers in a new chapter in the country's agrarian reform program, and enables the DAR to finish the unfinished business – the distribution of the remaining 1.056 million of mostly privately owned agricultural lands. Only in distributing all the remaining CARP-covered lands up to the last hectare can the DAR proudly say that it has accomplished one of its major mandates.

However, CARP does not end in land distribution alone. Being an all-encompassing rural development program, it provides the basic foundation through its support services: farm-to-market roads, bridges, post-harvest and irrigation facilities, among others, and training farmer-beneficiaries to become effective partners in nation-building.

The DAR thanks Madame President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for resolutely pushing for CARP's extension, and rightly so, for it serves as the anchor in her administration's anti-poverty and food security programs. It is a legacy of her father Diosdado Macapagal that she fittingly pursued with resolve.

DAR also commends the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), which made its presence felt practically in all fronts, steadfastly calling the attention of lawmakers and pleading to them to get this vital legislation passed into law.

The DAR is also grateful to various civil society groups, for coming up in the streets to get the attention of our lawmakers and constantly reminding them of CARP's value - a social justice program aimed at advancing the cause of the less privileged Filipinos.

All those pronouncement and courses of actions would not have been heard across the nation if not to our ever-vigilant media, which has been religiously monitoring and reporting all events leading to the extension of CARP.

And last but not the least, our sincerest thanks to our lawmakers from both the Senate and the House of Representatives for finally seeing the wisdom of having a vital program such as CARP. They have acknowledged that implementing an agrarian reform program is a constitutional mandate all government officials should uphold at all times.

To all others, who have joined the call for the program's extension, the clamor has been heard.

Mabuhay po tayong lahat.

NASSER C. PANGANDAMAN
Secretary
Department of Agrarian Reform

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The **University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Inc.**
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At 9 o'clock in the morning of Monday, 15th day of June 2009

CREDO of RAMON DEL FIERRO MAGSAYSAY (1907-1957)

Third President of the Republic of the Philippines (30 December 1953 — 17 March 1957)

I believe that government starts at the bottom and moves upward, for government exists for the welfare of the masses of the nation.

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I believe that the little man is fundamentally entitled to a little bit more food in his stomach, a little more cloth in his back and a little more roof over his head.

I believe that this nation is endowed with a vibrant and stout heart, and possesses untapped capabilities and incredible resiliency.

I believe that a high and unwavering sense of morality should pervade all spheres of governmental activity.

I believe that the pulse of government should be strong and steady, and the man at the helm imbued with missionary zeal.

I believe in the majesty of constitutional and legal processes, in the inviolability of human rights.

I believe that the free world is collectively strong and that there is neither need nor reason to compromise the dignity of man.

I believe that communism is iniquity, as is the violence it does to the principles of Christianity.

I believe that the President should set the example of a big heart, an honest mind, sound instincts, the virtue of healthy impatience and an abiding love for the common man.

DEDICATION to RAMON DEL FIERRO MAGSAYSAY (1907-1957)

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On this 15th day of June 2009 on the occasion of the 52nd Foundation Day of the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Inc.

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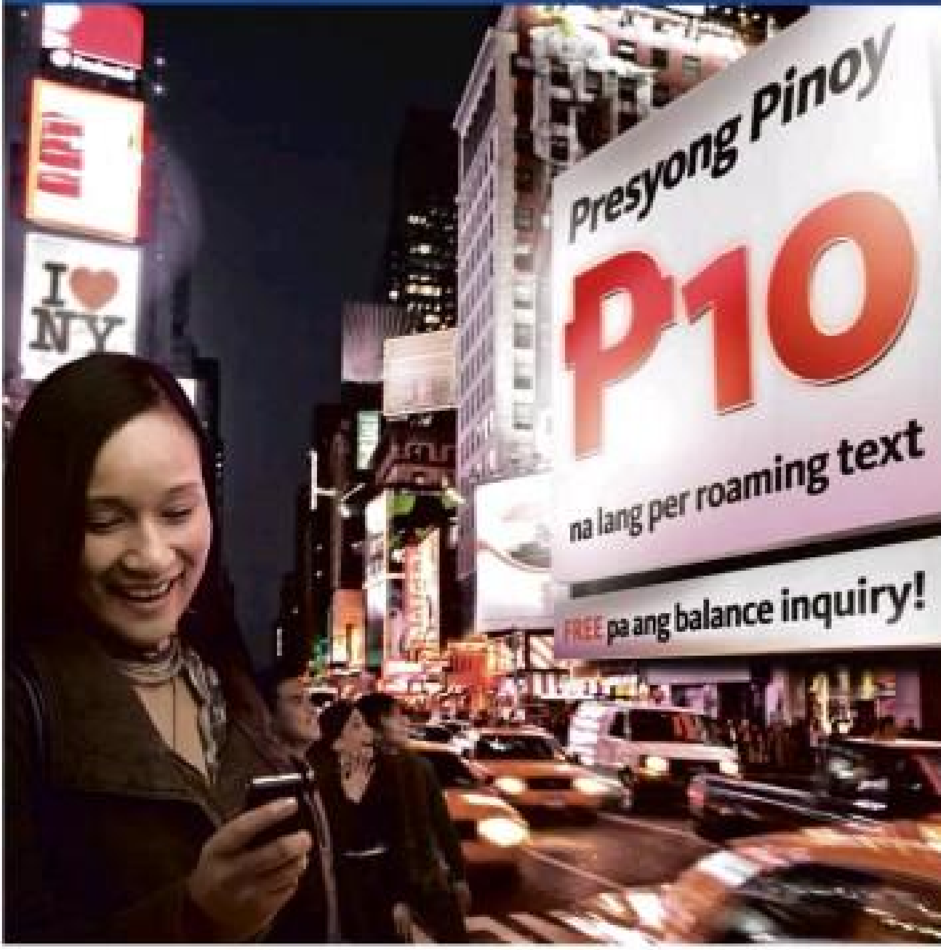
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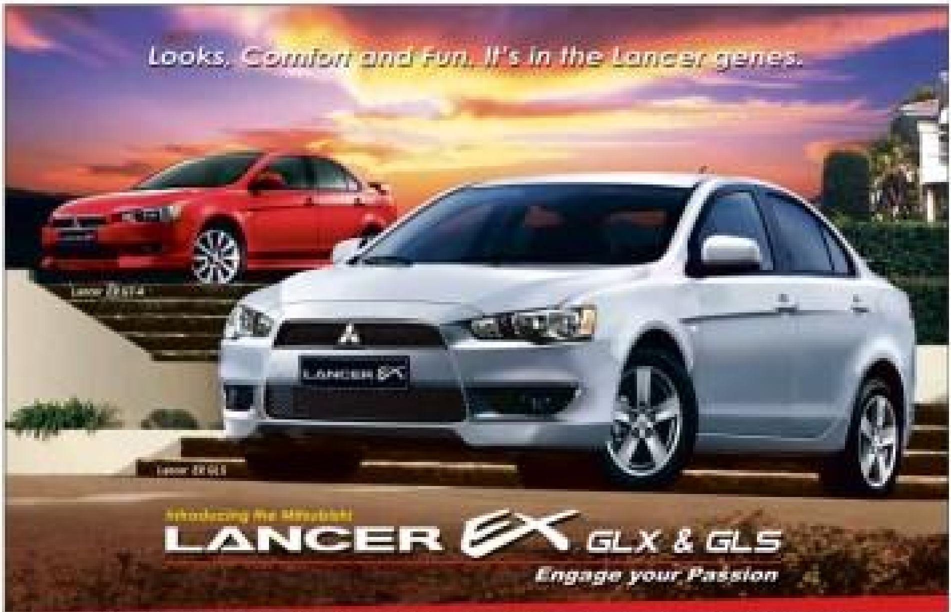
By Allison W. Lopez

MORE THAN 8,000 EMPLOYEES OF THE MAKATI CITY government will get free flu shots to strengthen their immunity against the ordinary influenza virus as part of a monthlong vaccination drive.

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DID YOU KNOW

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300 families in Pasig left homeless in fire

MMDA opens Legarda footbridge

Continuing renovation

MetroBriefs

Trash truck catches fire

Barker stabbed dead

Citizen's call

Street turned into parking area

Barangay takes over sidewalk

Working ticket slots

Daily traffic headache



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Street turned into jeep terminal

Blinding sight

'Wounded' trees

Foul-smelling water from canal

Man to charge 'text mate' who stole his car during an 'eyeball'



DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL 'AGRARYO ISKOLAR'

Nurture. Educate. Breed.

"The fate of empires depends on the education of youth." -- Aristotle





BELIEVING that landownership alone is not the sole ticket to free the farmers from long years of dispossession, the Department of Agrarian Reform offers to nurture the capacity of the future agents of rural development through the President Diosdado Macapagal Agrarian Scholarship Program (PDMASP).

Five years ago, 1,500 sons and daughters of agrarian reform beneficiaries showed that earning a college education is possible for those who persevere. Today, this stable of talented and brilliant Agraryo Iskolars has grown to over 3,000 with 1,733 already graduated from state universities nationwide.

"We must grow together with the communities we serve. The DAR is aware that most of the farmers couldn't afford to send their children to school. Hence, congruent to the mandate of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) to ensure fair and equal access to the nation's wealth and opportunities, we launched the PDMASP," Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman said.

The scholars are granted tuition fees, book allowance, and stipend.

"Through the scholarship program, my dream of earning a college diploma was fulfilled. Today I stand tall because I was given the "sword" to face the challenges head on," Elby Latuza, a proud magna cum laude graduate of Western Visayas State University said.

In celebration of the 21st anniversary of the CARP, the DAR gives recognition to the outstanding graduates who once again proved that given the chance to embark on higher learning, they too, can earn their rightful place in the society.

Farmers' children, given the opportunity, have shone in their schools. A remarkable number of Agraryo Iskolars attained academic honors in the past years.

This year, PDMASP has brought forth one magna cum laude and 21 cum laudes from La Union, South Nueva Ecija, Ilocos Sur, Camarines Norte, Masbate, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Samar, and Leyte.

"The Department is not only concerned in the distribution of lands, but also equips farmer beneficiary dependents with proper education so they can take full responsibility of the awarded lands. We expect more scholars and more outstanding graduates in the coming years as they become instruments in changing the lowly situation of agriculture in our country," PDMASP National Director Teresita Panlilio added.

SENTRO ANG TAO!







PRES. DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL AGRARIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
LIST OF HONOR GRADUATES SY 2008-09

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The WORLD

Ahmadinejad's poll win greeted by riots in Tehran

TEHRAN, IRAN—OPPONENTS OF MAHMOUD Ahmadinejad clashed with police in the heart of Iran's capital on Saturday, pelting them with rocks and setting fires in the worst unrest in Tehran in a decade. They accused the hardline president of using fraud to steal election victory from his reformist rival.



A SUPPORTER of Iran's moderate presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi holds a stone during clashes with police in Tehran on June 13. AP PHOTO

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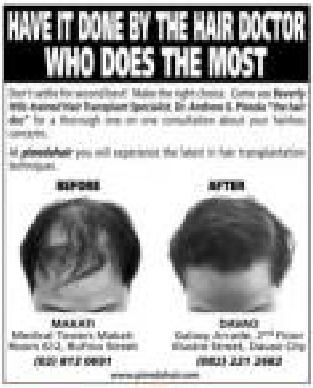




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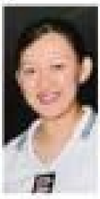


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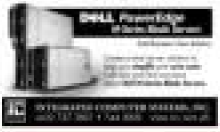


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BUSINESS



Pagcor City seen to draw $6B in investments

SM expected to pour $1B into its piece of the gaming complex

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE STATE-OWNED PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) expects the infusion of $6 billion worth of fresh investments into the development of the 800-hectare entertainment complex on Roxas Boulevard.

The SM group, one of the big investors in the "Pagcor City" project, is now finalizing plans for its piece of the gaming and entertainment complex, Pagcor chair Efraim Genuino said in an interview.

Genuino expects the SM group to pour in "more or less" $1 billion.

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Profit-taking seen ahead

LOCAL STOCKS may succumb to profit taking this week following months of continuous ascent despite a string of unfavorable economic news. Analysts said

PROFIT-TAKING B1



With partners in place, Meralco begins expansion

By Amy R. Remo

MANILA ELECTRIC CO., THE COUNtry's biggest power distributor, has begun expanding its business portfolio to include real estate development, the merging of power and communications firms, and other power-related business projects, following the entry of its two new partners.

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GMA 7 profit up by 22%

By Doris C. Dumlao

GMA NETWORK INC. POSTED P1.09 billion in profit for the first five months of the year, on the back of record-high revenue.

The January to May profit was up by 22 percent from the P895 million posted in the same period last year, the company said in a statement.

Revenue for the month of May alone, hit an all-time high of P1.35 billion, up by 17 percent over a year ago, while operating expenses were kept at the same level as last year.

"These two favorable conditions drove up the net income for the month to P360 million, or an increase of 45 percent compared to last year," GMA Network said.

Gross revenue for the five-month period grew by 7 percent to P6.95 billion despite the contraction in ad placements by major corporations. Total expenses were kept at bay, rising by only 3 percent to end the five-month period at P5.43 billion.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization hit P1.85 billion, up by 32 percent from year-ago level.

Total assets amounted to P12.3 billion, up by 1 percent over a year ago, while total liabilities fell by 22 percent to P3.2 billion. The company paid P1.7 billion in cash dividends to its shareholders in May this year.

GMA chief financial officer Felipe Yalong said the company's strong performance was brought about by its continuous leadership in TV ratings, based on data from AGB Nielsen Philippines.

GMA Network posted a total day (6 a.m. to 12 midnight) household audience share of 50.2 percent versus ABS-CBN's 31 percent, based on the AGB Nielsen survey.

AWSJ cites Jollibee, Ayala

JOLLIBEE FOODS Corp. (JFC) is the "most-admired" company in the Philippines, based on the latest annual survey of the Asian Wall Street Journal.

JFC was cited for its ability to pick up food consumer spending despite the economic slump.

Conglomerate Ayala Corp. and its property arm, Ayala Land Inc. (ALI), bagged the second and third honors, respectively.

Jollibee moved up from the previous year's number 2 slot in the survey. ALI previously held the top slot while its parent company was third place.

"Jollibee's strong showing in this year's survey can be tied to the world economic slump, which hasn't hit the Philippines as badly as some of its neighbors but still had a big effect. Filipinos are continuing to spend," said an article in WSJ dated June 5, written by James Hookway. Doris C. Dumlao

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Power firm eyes 12-MW wind farm

By Amy R. Remo

INDEPENDENT power producer Quezon Power (Philippines) Ltd. Co. is planning to put up a 12-megawatt (MW) wind farm, which is estimated to cost $24 million.

According to Quezon Power general manager Frank Thiel, the proposed wind project would be put up near its coal power plant in Mauban, Quezon.

Quezon Power, which supplies electricity to power distributor Manila Electric Co. as an IPP, operates a 460-MW coal-fired power plant, with a 31-kilometer transmission line.

"We are looking at 10 MW to 12 MW. We are evaluating the sites [which] have been identified by the Department of Energy as a potential wind source," Thiel said in an interview.

Thiel estimated that investments in wind turbines could be anywhere between $1-$2 million per MW, depending on the equipment to be used.

He said investments in the project could even be more than $24 million "because you have to acquire rights over the land, you have to do construction."

Quezon Power is currently engaged in the so-called "screening assessment" of a possible site near the company's power plant.

"If the results are positive, then we'll try to move forward with this. We're quite excited about the Renewable Energy bill that was passed by the government last year... That's something we definitely want to look at," Thiel said.

The Philippine Renewable Energy Act was signed into law in December 2008, while the implementing rules and regulations governing it was signed by Energy Secretary Angelo T. Reyes last month.

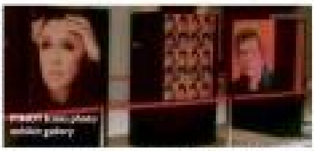
For 2009, Thiel said the company was targeting to complete the site assessment.

Quezon Power is owned by InterGen, Ogden Energy Group, Global Power Investments and PMR Limited. It was financed with about $809 million in debt and equity including political risk guarantees of $405 million from the U.S. Export-Import Bank.



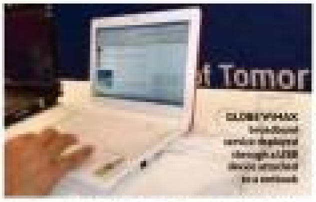
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Filipino pop icons take center stage



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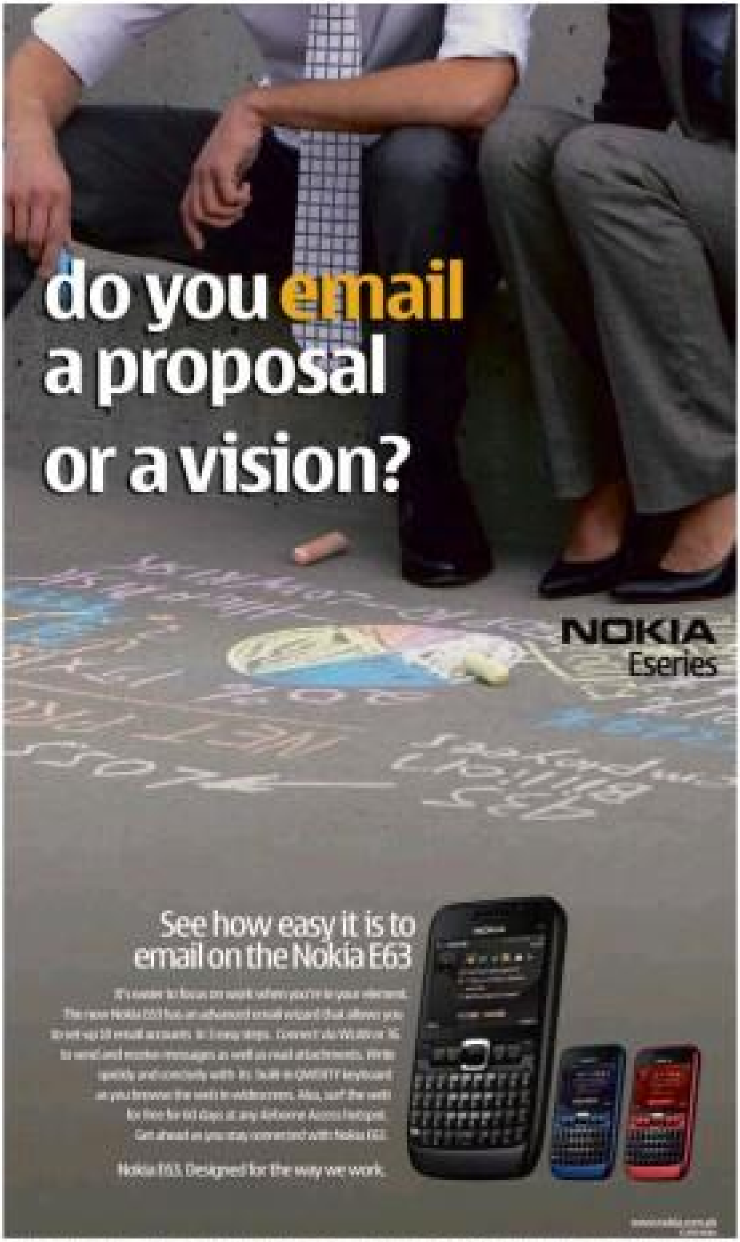


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No stopping RP's busy bee



TONY Tan Caktiong

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

FOR ITS UNCANNY ABILITY IN GOOD TIMES and bad to get Filipinos to buy its signature products like the Chicken Joy and yumburger, Jollibee Foods Corp., whose mascot was inspired by the busy bee, was again named the best company in the Philippines by readers of the Wall Street Journal.

Jollibee chair and CEO Tony Tan Caktiong is certainly humbled by the recognition, just the latest in Jollibee's long string of awards, saying that it reflects the passion and hard work of the thousands of employees and people behind the company.

Tan Caktiong tells the Inquirer in an e-mail interview, however, that he [illegible] and to [illegible] as an inspiration to continue striving for their best to keep the [illegible]

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Mobile revolution upon RP

Technology changing ways of business

By William Hamilton-Whyte

WE HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY witnessed a fundamental shift in the way traditional businesses operate and engage with their customers over the last two years.

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Couple makes a splash in water-refilling sector



SONNY and Ana Lourdes Agustin

Continuing innovations

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Unilever bags CEO Excel Award

BPI Family Savings Bank incorporates road safety in motorcycle loan program



(L-R) BFSB Vice President for Motorcycle Loans Andrew Eugene Cua, Supertoke Champion Mace Bunda, BFSB Senior Vice President David Sarmiento Jr., BFSB President Alfonso Salcedo Jr., HSDC President Katsuhisa Yoda, Country's Winningest Motocross Rider Jovic Saulog, and HSDC General Manager Arnel Doria.

BPI Family Savings Bank (BFSB), the first major bank to offer motorcycle loans dubbed as "Ride Your Dream," has partnered with Honda Safety Driving Center (HSDC) to promote road safety. Under the partnership, BFSB borrowers are encouraged to undergo training on safety and responsible motoring with the Center.

Motorcycle sales have grown over the recent years, due to a rising demand for a more cost-effective means of transportation. However, lack of proper training and safety guidelines has also increased road accidents involving motorcycles.

The Ride Your Dream motorcycle loan program is BFSB's proactive step to make available affordable motorcycle financing and strengthen borrowers' road safety quotient through the expert safety riding training provided by HSDC.

"We have partnered with HSDC to promote road safety because the Center has the appropriate facilities to conduct formal and complete safety riding training programs," says Andrew Cua, BFSB Head of Motorcycle Loan Department.

Arnel Doria, General Manager of the HSDC, reveals the key to practicing road safety. "Practice discipline, road courtesy and respect for other road users at all times. This is the best measure that is certain to prevent accidents."

This breakthrough partnership between the institutions will definitely send a strong message to the general public that road safety is the responsibility of everyone who use the road.

Mobile revolution upon RP



NOKIA Philippines GM William Harrison-Whyte

Mobility is no longer a privilege enjoyed only by those who occupy the corner offices.

Mobility is no longer enjoyed by just the rich



Sharper tools, better life

Agriculture service

(The author is General Manager of Nokia Philippines.)

BUSINESS *Monday*

The eyesore that could

By Darlen L. Lucas

FOR THREE DECADES, one of the first images of Makati City's supposedly cosmopolitan skyline that would greet travelers coming from the airport is the hulking eyesore that stood half finished near the Magallanes interchange.

And whether you're a commuter approaching the commercial center or a businessman being driven to the central business district, you simply could not escape the sight of that decrepit building at the busy corner of Edsa and Pasong Tamo Extension.

"If you're a businessman or a tourist who's just landed in Manila and are traveling from the airport, this is the image of Makati that will greet you," said Alphaland Corp. president and CEO Mario Oreta. "It was such a painful sight to behold and the image lingers with you."

Until several months ago, the unnamed structure, with its rusty beams and half-baked structure, always seemed to be somebody's unfinished business.

It was built in the 1970s by a Japanese car distributor to supposedly house offices, a service center and a high-end restaurant.

During the Marcos era, the would-be developer ran short of cash, and was forced to surrender the lot to the Philippine National Bank.

Then in the mid-1990s, it was auctioned off to the Puyat family, in whose ownership it stayed for two decades.

Enter Alphaland Corp.—one of the newest and most aggressive real estate firms in the country—whose chair and CEO Roberto V. Ongpin took an interest in the project in early 2008.

"He asked me one day what I thought of the building, and I said that I thought we could make it work," Oreta recalls.

Backed by the financial muscle of Alphaland's partner, British Fund Advance Investment Ltd., Ongpin, Oreta and the company's vice chair Eric Recto negotiated long and hard with the Puyat family, agreeing finally on a P1.3-billion acquisition price.

The group has raised another P1.2 billion from the Development Bank of the Philippines to fund the rehabilitation and completion of the structure—a process that is now practically complete, with only the finishing touches left.

Thus, what would have been one of the city's first skyscrapers constructed in the 1970s, is now set to become one of its newest.

Dubbed Alphaland Southgate, the project is composed of two structures.

The Southgate Tower is a 20-story glass-curtained building with 30,000 square meters of office space.

The Southgate Mall, meanwhile, is an 18,000-sq. m., six-story podium that will house retail and casual dining establishments.

And just as one couldn't miss the eyesore before, one also could not possibly miss the gleaming metallic blue building nowadays, especially with its three-story high LED display screens, one on either side of the building, which are visible from as far as 7 kilometers away.

"This is practically a new building," Oreta said, explaining that the steel frames and girders were already encased in concrete when the original builders stopped construction, ensuring that no corrosion would occur.

Despite this, Alphaland hired the services of local and foreign structural engineers to assess the condition of the building before completing its construction.

"What they found was that it still meets and surpasses our building standards," he said.

Oreta pointed out that Alphaland Southgate also boasts of a world-class design by Wong and Ouyang Ltd., the architects of Hong Kong's premier recreational establishment, the Pacific Place.

The building's energy requirements are also supported by solar panels and a "green" architectural design, which gives tenants the added benefit of saving power.

For a building that was erected when high technology was still in its infancy, Alphaland also pulled a coup when it secured an accreditation from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority as a business process outsourcing site.

"It is also linked to the Magallanes MRT station, so BPO workers will find this more convenient," Oreta said.

Admittedly, Alphaland did worry when the global economic slump reached local shores, and one of the first industries to be hit was the real estate sector.

When the project started, the company originally announced that the building would be open for business by the first quarter of 2009.

That timetable has since been moved to August 2009.

Nonetheless, Oreta said he was encouraged by the firm demand from locators.

The mall space is already 80-percent taken, while office space reservations are approaching 50 percent, with negotiations for another large tenant in ongoing.

Don't think that the company is resting on its laurels, though. Already, it is talking with the owners of a lot directly across Pasong Tamo Extension where it could build an exact duplicate of the Southgate Tower, which will be linked to the present complex via an elevated footbridge.

"All this is good business," Oreta said. "But more importantly, we're doing our part to improve the Makati skyline. Where there once was an eyesore, there now stands a gleaming new building."



THE OLD, decrepit building on Edsa gets new lease on life as Alphaland Southgate.



BEFORE Alphaland came in, the building stood unfinished for three decades.



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Quality property key to financial health

IN THESE TRYING TIMES, some observers have concluded that real estate may prove vital to financial health.

Data on the performance of excellent property holdings through the years, including crisis periods, provide the best proof.

According to Rex E. Mendoza, Ayala Land senior vice president and head of sales and corporate marketing, people are overly cautious because of the economic crisis.

They now tend to block out investments and put off opportunities that they are more likely to have taken up had times been better.

"But it is wrong to overreact, but what it is how people manage personal finances, whether in crisis or in good times, that keeps them on solid ground for the longer haul," Mendoza states. "In crisis, it is not what is happening outside in the markets that matters. It is how one handles one's portfolio."

And the key to good finance management is knowledge, he stresses. "Management of personal finances can be likened to sailing. When one sets forth into the sea, one usually sets sail on a good day. But the elements out there—wind, waves, heat, humidity and rainfall are certain to change in one way or another."

One is able to prepare with the quality of his boat, the equipment and systems that he employs, the food supply and emergency apparatus that he brings.

"Those who made good real estate acquisitions and who continue to build their real estate investments even in downturns know that they are most likely to continue to have sound financial positions in the long term," he states.

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Instituto Cervantes marks El Día del Español June 20

LOVERS OF THE SPANISH language and Spanish food will gather on June 20 at Instituto Cervantes de Manila to celebrate the first ever El Día del Español (Day of the Spanish language).

Declared by Instituto Cervantes' main office in Madrid as an international cultural feast, Manila—along with the other 78 centers in four continents worldwide—will simultaneously hold the grand celebration that underscores the relevance of the Spanish language, the main global language after English.

"El Día del Español is a festivity that marks the significance of the Spanish language as a spoken and written language. After English, Spanish is the most important language in the world right now. It is also expected to open up a lot of new opportunities for people, being the second most widely-spoken business language in the world," says Instituto Cervantes director José Rodríguez.

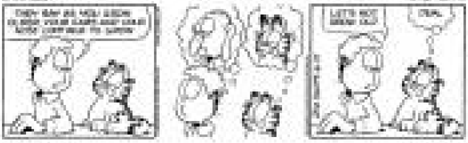
The celebration will kick off at 10 a.m. with the Manila City Hall Band playing lively musical pieces. There will also be acrobatic performances by stilt walkers,

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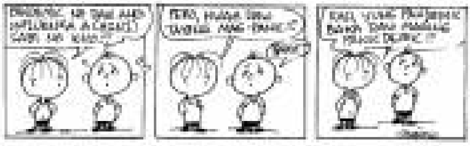
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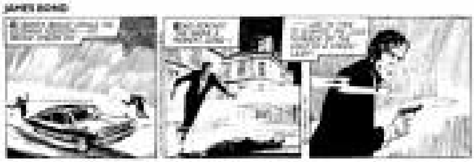
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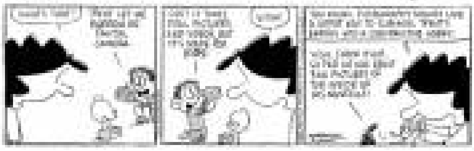
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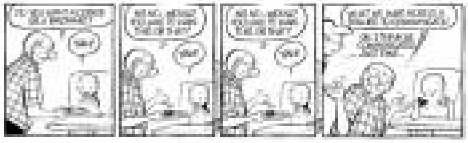
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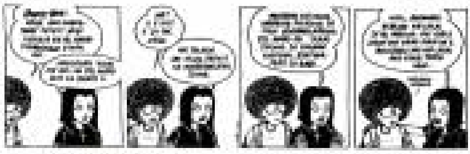
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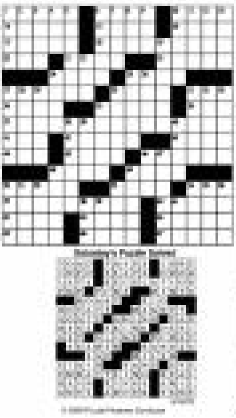
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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PEN calls for abolition of tax on imported books

We believe that 'literature, though national in origin, knows no frontiers, and should remain common currency between nations in spite of political or international upheavals'

The Philippine Center of the International PEN (Poets and Playwrights, Essayists and Novelists), led by National Artists Bienvenido Lumbera (chair) and F. Sionil José (founder and chair emeritus), has issued a resolution calling for the scrapping of Department of Finance Order 17-09, which levies duties on imported books. While Malacañang has suspended the order, writers and publishers are afraid that the tax would be re-imposed soon.

Text of the PEN Board resolution below:

WE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the members of the Philippine Center of the International PEN, invoking the International PEN Charter, join the many other sectors of our society in denouncing the Department of Finance Order 17-09, which imposes duty on the importation of books.

We believe that "literature, though national in origin, knows no frontiers, and should remain common currency between nations in spite of political or international upheavals" (Article 1, PEN Charter).

We are a worldwide organization founded in London in 1921, consisting originally of Poets and Playwrights, Essayists and Novelists, but now also of Journalists and Historians, were organized precisely and principally to promote friendship and intellectual cooperation among writers everywhere.

We are of the firm conviction that literature plays a crucial role in developing world culture and global understanding, and that the most accessible way of spreading thoughts and ideas, vision and imagination along this line is through books. "PEN stands for the unhampered transmission of such thoughts and ideas through books between nations all over the world" (Article 3, PEN Charter). To be left behind will certainly not be good for our postcolonial country.

Moreover, the unenlightened and misinformed Department Order violates the Florence Agreement, an international treaty the Philippines signed in 1952. It also violates Republic Act 8047, the Book Publishing Industry Development Act passed in 1995.

The Philippine Center of International PEN joins other writer groups and publisher associations, and the general reading public, in urging the Department of Finance to permanently withdraw—and not just suspend—Department Order 17-09, so as to finally allow the continued duty-free importation of books.

Trust fund for book authors expected to boost local publishing

By Gina Areopagita
Contributor

LOCAL PUBLISHING IS EXPECTED TO GET a big boost from a new law providing support for authors to help them develop their book projects.

President Macapagal-Arroyo recently signed into law Republic Act 9521, or the National Book Development Trust Fund Act, "An Act Creating a National Book Development Trust Fund to Support Philippine Authorship."

Originally authored by then Iloilo City Rep. Raul T. Gonzalez Jr. and Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez on the one hand, and Senators Edgardo Angara, Alan Peter Cayetano, and Jinggoy Estrada on the other, the law sets up an endowment fund to provide authors from all regions of the country a grant for them to complete their manuscripts for publication.

The National Book Development Board (NBDB) had pushed for the legislation to support local authors to develop works, especially in science and technology as well as in the creative fields.

"This will benefit veteran and promising authors working or researching on topics in which local books are either few or nonexistent," says NBDB chair Dennis T. Gonzalez.

NBDB executive director Andrea Pasion-Flores said the trust fund will allow authors to devote more time to writing.

"With the National Book Development Trust Fund, perhaps more people will write those titles that may not be necessarily as lucrative as other books, but are important for the Filipino's development," says Flores.

"Through the fund, we want our writers and professionals to create more—write about different aspects of the country, develop more books about science and technology.

"We want to be able to give our people more access to knowledge—local, that is—and get people to rely on Philippine-authored books for knowledge about the Philippines.

"We want our country to contribute more to the development of mankind by sharing more of our own knowledge with the world."

The new law seeks to put up a P150 million endowment fund within a year. The income from the fund will provide annually at least 50 grants to authors in all the regions.

According to Flores, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., Philippine Charity and Sweepstakes Office, and the National Treasury will each contribute P50 million to the endowment.

The NBDB shall be the administrator of the fund. It shall appoint a government financial institution as portfolio manager.

The trust fund will assist authors to produce books especially on science and technology, local history, indigenous children's stories, translations of classic works into local languages.

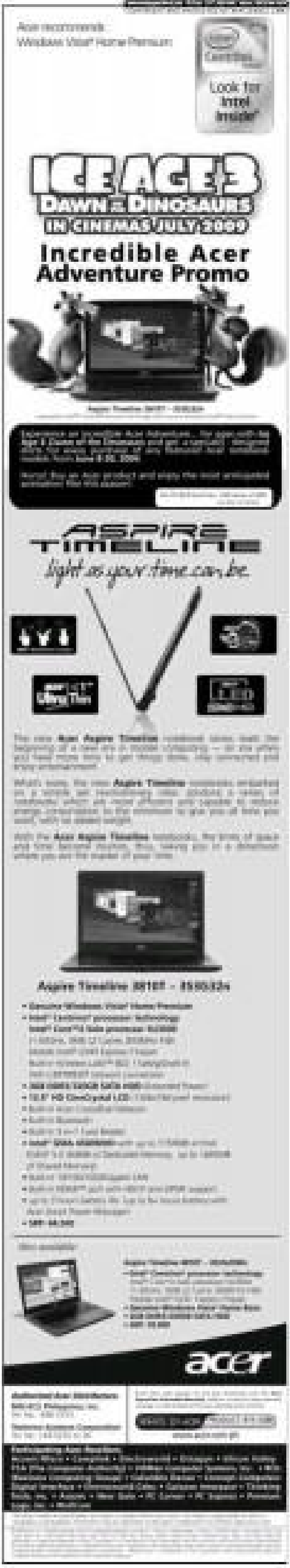
"This will motivate and inspire veteran and budding authors to produce new titles or complete their manuscripts," says Gonzalez.

Book publishing is considered a sunrise industry in the Philippines. Local publishers seek a bigger pie in publishing as imported books still dominate the trade books scene in the country.

According to data gathered by NBDB, the United Kingdom exported 15.23 million worth of books to the Philippines in 2007. The United States exported US$18.69 million worth of books to this country that year.

US book export to the Philippines in 2008 (US$19.20M) is bigger than its book exports to New Zealand (US$12M), Malaysia (US$9.95M), Thailand (US$13.10M), Taiwan (US$23.04M) and Hong Kong (US$18.80M).



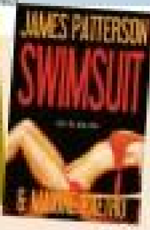


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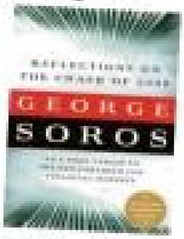


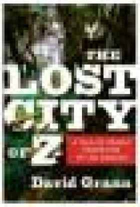
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Father's Day book picks











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Raul Sunico is new CCP artistic director

By Lito B. Zulueta

CELEBRATED PIANIST AND respected pedagogue Raul M. Sunico is set to become the new artistic director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

Sunico, the dean of the Conservatory of Music of the University of Santo Tomas (UST), will replace Nestor Jardin, who is also CCP president and will retire on July 26.

The transition is taking place as the CCP is set to mark its 40th anniversary in September.

It is not known whether Sunico would, like Jardin, become concurrent CCP president.

To become CCP president, Sunico would have to be appointed to the CCP board of trustees by Malacañang.

Sunico told the Inquirer that he will report for his first day as CCP artistic director tomorrow. He said he expects to meet with the CCP board of trustees chaired by Emily Abrera.

Earlier last week, Sunico said he met with UST Rector Magnifico Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P., to discuss his CCP post and his future at the Dominican-run University.

As artistic director, Sunico will be in charge of the artistic programming of the country's foremost performing arts showcase.

Specifically, Sunico will oversee the artistic programs of the CCP resident companies, such as Ballet Philippines, Tanghalang Pilipino, Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group, Philippine Madrigal Singers, Philippine Ballet Theatre, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, UST Symphony Orchestra, and Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company.

He will also administer the annual National Music Competitions for Young Artists (Namcya).

Since CCP is also a venue for movie screenings and visual arts exhibits, Sunico will supervise such programs as the Cinemalaya film festival and the 13 Artists Awards.

Sunico will also direct the CCP's Cultural Exchange Program, which develops arts councils all over the country through workshops and seminars.

In addition, Sunico will also oversee performances by international acts at CCP.

Formidable

Sunico (born 1948) brings to the CCP formidable credentials as a world-class performing artist, artistic impresario, and educational manager.

Sunico graduated from the University of the Philippines with the degrees of Bachelor of Music (cum laude), Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Statistics. He attended the Juilliard School in New York, where he received a Master of Music degree.

He obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree, major in Piano Performance, from the New York University, where his dissertation focused a performance guide to Philippine Piano Concertos, which is being prepared for publication by the UST Publishing House.

Sunico won the silver medal in the Viotti International Piano competition in Vercelli, Italy; was a finalist in the Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy; and received the Shirley Cassell prize in the University of Maryland International Piano Competition in the United States. He received the TOYM (The Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines) Award for Music in 1988.

His becoming dean of the UST Conservatory, the country's largest music school, was a sort of homecoming since he trained under Benjamin Tupas in the Conservatory when he was young.

As UST Music dean, he has joined a distinguished line of deans such as Stella Goldenberg Brimo, Felisa Hala, Bernardino Custodio, Sergio Bandilla Jr. and National Artist Antonio Buenaventura.

Under his deanship, the UST Conservatory mounted lavish and difficult but well-acclaimed productions of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin" (2006) and Bizet's "The Pearlfishers" (2008), both at the CCP Main Theater.

It has also been under his deanship that UST was able to start a season of classical Christmas concerts featuring some of UST's brightest alumni talents here and abroad, such as soprano Rachelle Gerodias, baritone Andrew Fernando, and US-based mezzo soprano Clarissa Ocampo.

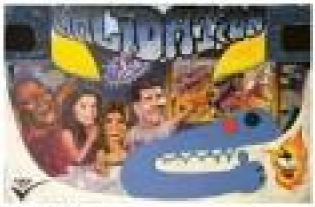


SUNICO will take over the artistic director responsibilities of CCP president Nes Jardin (left), who will retire next month.

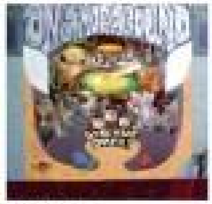


"RESPECT" 2

His creative synthesis brings complexity and vitality to the group portrait



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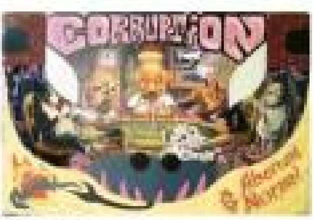
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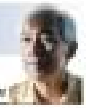


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In old Transylvania, heritage hangs in the balance

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon



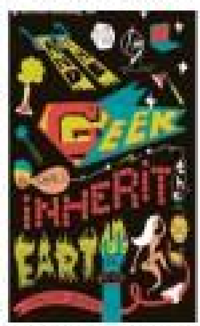
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Quaint town

Seat of power

Mag:Net Café launches 2 books



Schnabel exhibits at Manila Contemporary, National Museum

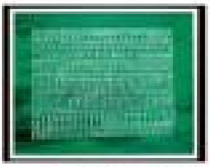
Orlina's 'Glass and Bronze' at Alliance Française





Shangri-La Plaza features UST artists





VISUAL ARTS

'Cultural Warfare' at Big & Small

Collections management at Lopez, Yuchengco

Kim Bello at Mag:Net

Valdezco, Jarque at Blanc

Charlie Co at Slab



"THE MANIPULATION of an Inanimate Object"

Salubayba at Drawing Room

Praico, Zabala at Blanc

Chicago exhibit showcases RP art from '40s to '50s





ENTERTAINMENT

Italian film to open Venice film fest

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Geoff makes mom Gina real proud





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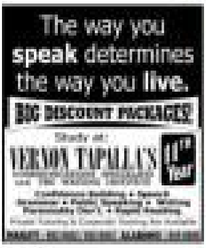
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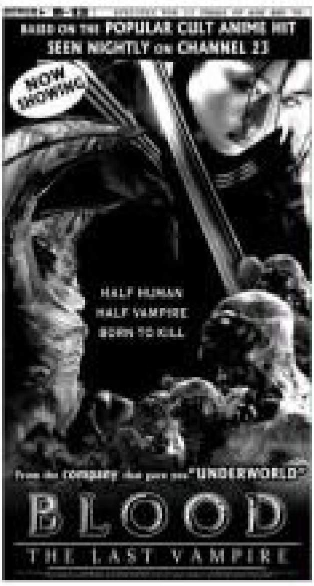
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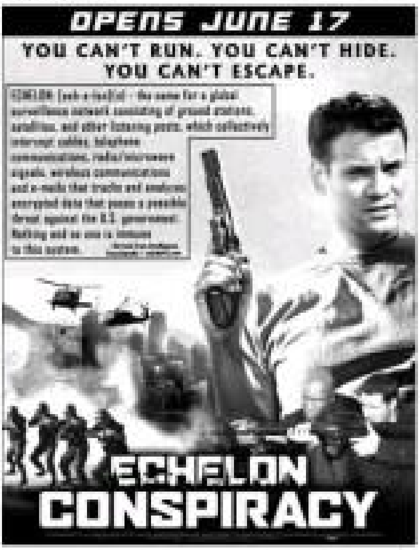
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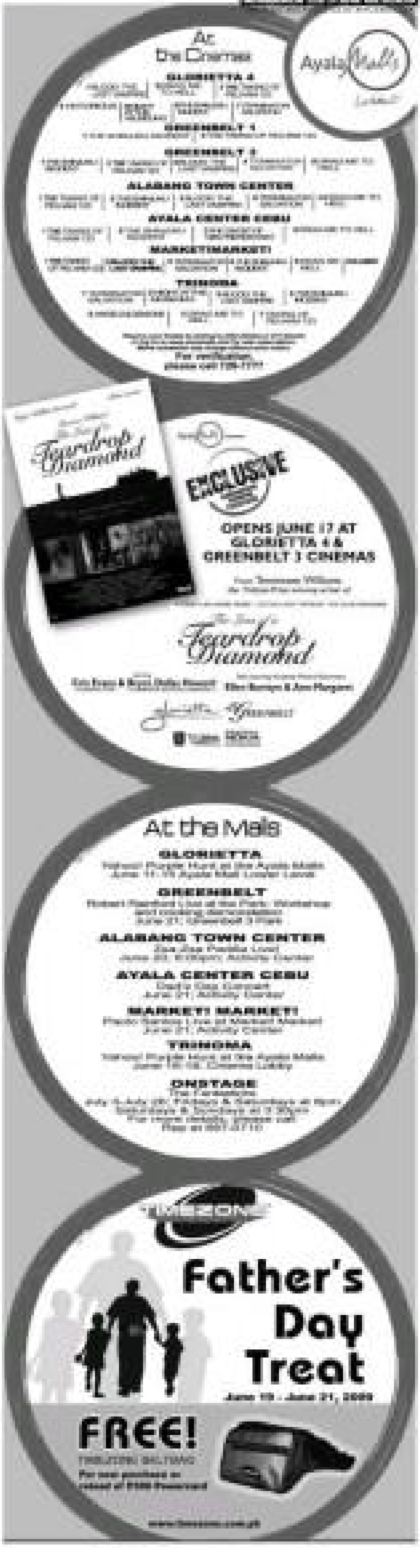
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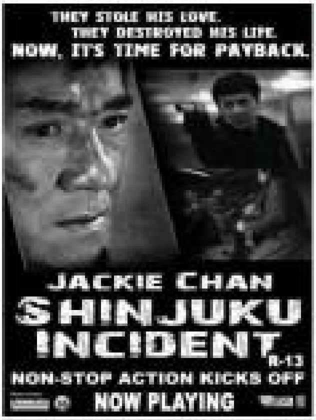
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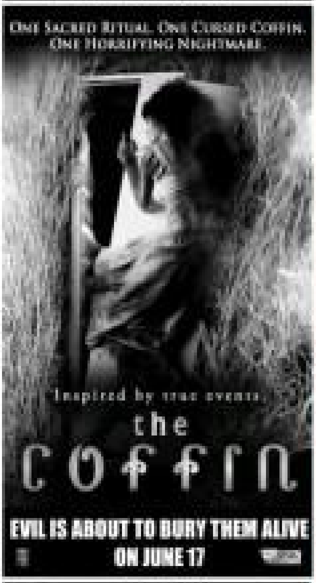
Juicy June

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Pat Castillo, Jacqui Magno at Merk's







JACQUI Magno (above) and Pat Castillo (R) on ... engagements.

SHOW TIME

THEY CAN NEVER BE THE Bobbsey Twins of Philippine jazz. We refer to former Circus Band-mates Pat Castillo and Jacqui Magno. If Annie Brazil is the first mama of Philippine jazz and if one must insist on these romantic titles, Magno is the first daughter, Richard Merk the first son and Castillo the second beloved daughter. Everybody happy.

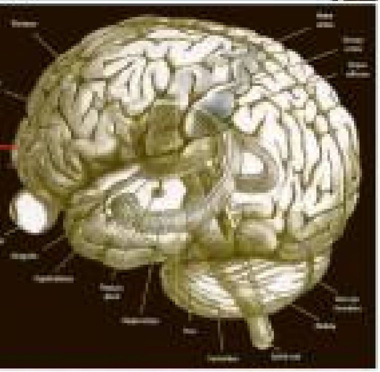
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> It is not far-fetched to imagine other Circus Band members staging their own respective comebacks

Body language



LEARNING



10 brainy ideas

Or how the human brain ticks and twitters





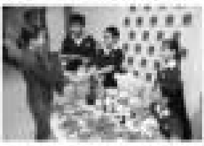
POSTER for the conference that made for a mind-bogging experience



Playgrounds for the MIND

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Learning entrepreneurship in grade school





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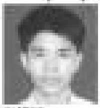


CEU Latin honor awardees join TOSP-NCR roster

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TIP Manila students are delegates to the Jenesys Program



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U-ACT announces winners of essay writing contest

EUREKA! Queena N. Lee-Chua



Can 'emotional literacy' be taught in classrooms?

BULLYING, OSTRACISM, depression are prevalent in schools, so several researchers ask if students can be taught to deal with social issues the way they are taught say mathematics or language.

In short, can schools raise kids' Emotional Intelligence Quotient (EQ), as well as their Intelligence Quotient (IQ)?

I have worked with schools to set up anti-bullying and anti-suicide programs, stemming from clinical psychology research. Recently I was heartened and proud to learn that one of my former students, Maria Regina "Chiki" Reyes, now at Yale University, is involved in major projects on Emotional Intelligence in the Classroom in New York.

Smart and driven

Chiki is every teacher's dream—smart, driven, friendly. [illegible] student in psychology and [illegible] activities, she was also team captain of the Ateneo de Manila University's Women's [illegible] Team in fencing, and won several inter-university championships. In 1999, she received the Ambrosio Padilla Award for excellence in sports and academics.

Chiki initially wanted to be a preschool teacher, so she went into the Ateneo master's program in Child and Family Development. But when she took my Learning Processes in Math and Science classes as elective, [illegible] convinced she was more suited for research.

When she said that because of the example I set, she wanted to go into intellectual and scientific endeavors, it was one of the best compliments I had ever received. When we worked together on cognitive models of intelligence for her thesis, I was more convinced her path lay elsewhere (though she would have made a great preschool teacher).

Although I did not want her to leave the country, I recommended her to Fordham University, the Jesuit university in New York, where she pursued a master's degree in Applied Developmental Psychology.

Chiki thrived in Fordham, earning the Presidential Scholarship from 2003 to 2006 and the [illegible] Teaching Fellowship in 2006. She did a national evaluation study of character education, and received her doctorate last year, with the 2008 Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award to boot.

Oh yes, she managed to find time to get married (I was at the church, teary-eyed), and now has a healthy baby.

Currently Chiki is a research associate at Yale's Health, Emotion and Behavior Laboratory involved in experiments on emotional literacy.

EQ in the classroom

Peter Salovey, Yale provost, was one of the psychologists



Chiki Reyes during a training for the emotional literacy project

who developed the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test (MSCEIT).

Emotional Intelligence is divided into two areas: experiential (perception and use of emotion) and strategic (understanding and regulation of emotion). A decade ago, psychologist Daniel Goleman popularized emotional intelligence, though some researchers said many of his claims were unsubstantiated.

"Goleman made claims before any empirical evidence was available," Chiki says, "but our research shows EQ is related to many outcomes associated with adaptive living, pro-social behavior, and so on. My boss, Marc Brackett, developed a program called Emotional Literacy in the Classroom (ELC) to teach the RULER skills of emotion (Recognize, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate) to children from kindergarten to high school."

She continues, "We are testing the efficacy of ELC. With funding from the W. T. Grant Foundation, we are doing a randomized field experiment in 62 Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. It is huge! Half the schools received the intervention, which means that trained coaches work with teachers to implement the program on a regular basis. The other half received standard programs like the typical religion class and other social and emotional programs in their schools. We send out surveys, videotape their classrooms, do additional training if needed."

ELC seems to work, as evidenced by feedback from principals and teachers.

"They say ELC has made their students more conscious and critical of their actions. There was one student who told the class that because he felt isolated, he had attempted suicide. No one would have known this had they not had the ELC lessons. There was also one girl whom people used to bully because of her weight. Now students in her class have offered her their friendship and acceptance."

Can ELC work in the Philippines? "Definitely," Chiki says. "We may be emotional people, but how emotionally intelligent as Filipinos are we? I would definitely be interested in working with Filipino schools to test or implement ELC. We adhere to religion, but sometimes we are simply taught to believe in doctrine without really thinking critically. With ELC, students are explicitly taught to think about what they are feeling, how they are feeling, the steps they could take, and the consequences of their actions. Mom is also very passionate and he does want more countries to be involved in ELC."

Chiki herself has good EQ. "Dealing with American colleagues is very different from dealing with Filipinos. Here, people are very up-front and vocal. With Filipinos, you have to be a little more subtle because their feelings get hurt easily. I've learned to take criticism and not see it as an attack on my person, but as a way of improving the way I do things. Nothing should be taken personally here."

For budding psychologists

When Chiki was in grade school, her father always talked about the psychologist Carl Jung, and the little girl was fascinated. Later, Chiki's friends would seek her help with their problems.

Chiki tried clinical work, but when she trained at Bantay Bata Foundation she was "even more traumatized and emotionally drained" than the children she was counseling. Clearly, Chiki's forte was research.

But in the Philippines, Chiki says, "I don't think people realize the importance of research. People base their actions and policies on what they think is good—without testing it first and documenting. This is the reason why I got into Applied Developmental Psychology. It really is theory-in-action. I like seeing how research on children and families is set into policies here (the United States)."

What advice does she have for budding psychologists? "Get your foot wet and be assertive! Don't be shy. Love what you do and do what you love. That's the secret to my happiness in my career."

For more details on the Yale MSCEIT project, go to http://www.yale.edu/[illegible].

E-mail the author at [illegible]@yahoo.com.

10 brainy ideas

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[illegible] Shouldn't these be taught like literature?

8 Group genius is the new genius. We are moving away from an industrial economy to knowledge economy to creativity economy. Many schools are not prepared to teach students how to create knowledge.

Creative knowledge is based on innovation and collaboration. One gets the best genius. In today's group genius. The creative classroom has for its core task what Dr. Keith Sawyer termed as "collaborative conversations." What happens during the conversations may be more important than the product of those conversations.

An apt metaphor is when a jazz ensemble works on improvisation, innovation and collaboration. The whole becomes greater than its parts. The musician does not improvise what he wants but aligns with what the group is doing.

Some good examples are the Chicago Improvisation Theater where, for 90 minutes, actors go on stage without script, and Gore Tex, which allows its players 10 percent of the week to do whatever they want to create. Classrooms can be places of "musical tinkering" where small sparks add up to one big idea.

9 Creative individuals experience mood disorders. The dark side of genius and creativity was not over-



CHILDREN with autism love Bach.

looked in the conference. There seems to be a strong association between creativity and mood disorders—Vincent van Gogh, Sylvia Plath, Ernest Hemingway, Mark Rothko, Winston Churchill, Peter Tchaikovsky, John Nash, to mention a few.

A study of 15 writers in the Iowa Writers' Workshop showed that 80 percent had some type of mood disorder. Another study of British writers selected for having won major awards such as the Booker Prize showed that 38 percent had been treated for mood disorder with play-[illegible] making highest and poets coming in second.

Studies to generalize other types of creativity, e.g. inventors, pro-learning actions and scientists, are yet to be accomplished. Clinicians, family members and even teachers who deal with creative individuals confront a variety of challenges. But understanding is needed and medical help available.

10 Creativity can be taught and taught. Dr. Elena Grig[illegible] suggested that creativity was modifiable and quantifiable, and that failure [illegible] (that is, creativity emerges from synergistic interaction of a cluster of personality characteristics), flexibility (genes and family characteristics) and environmentally were interrelated to creativity.

Dr. Robert Epstein shared four simple techniques to boost creativity:

Capturing. Creative people have learned ways to preserve ideas, that is, not to preserve some of the new ideas that they encounter. Artists carry sketch pads; writers, notepads; and photographers, cameras. Near-sleep state is a good time to capture.

Challenging. Putting yourself in a difficult situation—time constraints, aging, open-ended problems, ultimate survival—sparks creativity.

Broadening. Instead of being a child prodigy to one "tiny corner" of his/her interest, enrich him/her with multiple and varied experiences of learning opportunities.

Surrounding. With diverse stimuli and changing them regularly and with interesting creative people—musicians, painters, filmmakers, scientists, philosophers, and writers.

Attending the conference had been a mind-stretching, mind-boggling, mind-churning, and mind-clarifying experience. It may take me three more hours and a few more months to read, digest, absorb, synthesize, share, experiment and explore all these new learning.

I recall my late father who would ask us kids at the dinner table: "What have you learned today?" I am happy I have much to tell.

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ANGELES ENDORSES FREE ENTERPRISE PROGRAM Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) chair Emmanuel Angeles has endorsed the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Philippines Program and will keynote the national conference on June 18 in Makati. Angeles met recently with Filipinas SIFE chair Jose P. Leviste Jr. CHEd student services director Luisa Valencia, and SIFE country director Antonio Rafael and programs director James Pacco were also present in the meeting. The group discussed the country's participation in the Berlin SIFE World Cup Oct. 4-6.

Ateneo holds booksale June 15-30

ATENEO PRESS is holding its annual booksale June 15-30 at the Ateneo Press bookshop, Bellarmine Hall, Ateneo de Manila University, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. All titles will be sold at discounts of 10-80 percent.

Sale hours are 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8-4 Friday, the sale will end at 4 p.m. Reservations for copies and requests for a price list may be made through www.ateneopress.org.

Browsers get free coffee and cookies.

Academic book fair set for June 23-27

THE 13TH PHILIPPINE Academic Book Fair will be held June 23-27 at the Megatrade Hall, 5th Level, Building B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

The annual event is sponsored by the Association of Book Sellers for the Academe and the Professions (Abap) and co-organized by Primetrade Asia Inc.

This year's theme is "The Filipino Booksellers: Responding to Academic and Information Needs in the Midst of Global Challenges."

Major Filipino and foreign publishers are participating, such as A-Z Direct Marketing, Academic Book Sales, Academic Connection Library Services, Abiva Commercial, Analytic Distribution, Ateneo University Press, Book Trends Enterprises, Cambridge University Press, Catholic Book Center, CE Books International, C&E Publishing, Cengage Learning Asia, Claretian Communications Foundation, Goodwill Bookstore, IBON Foundation, Jesuit Communications Foundation, McGraw-Hill Education, New Day Publishers, Phoenix Publishing House, Phoenix Educational Systems, St. Paul's, University of the Philippines Press, and UST Publishing House.

The UP Press booth will offer new books and recent titles from the UPP Centennial Publications, including "The Roots of the Filipino Nation" by O.D. Corpuz, "The Folk Tales" (Philippine Folk Literature Series vol. 4), compiled and edited by Damiana L. Eugenio, and "In Vitro, Mabuhay" by Virgilio S. Almario.

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QC high school students win silver medals in Texas

STUDENTS OF THE QUEZON City Science High School garnered silver medals in the 2009 International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering, and Environment Project (I-SWEEEP) Olympiad in Houston, Texas, United States.

Byron Anthony Lorenzo and Hannah Carlos Sengalang got the silver for their project "Development of Carbon Nanomaterial as an Electrode Voltage Source" in the Senior Engineering category.

The second silver was won in the Senior Environment competition by Russell Gemo and Jerald Aron Sengalang for their project "Preparation of [illegible] Nanomaterial Using Emission Evaporation Technique for Photocell Application." Carlos and Sengalang were classmates and roommates, respectively, of Class 2009 of QCSHS.

De La Salle University professors Dr. Gil Nonato Santos and Dr. Maria Luisa Enriquez helped with the materials and technical know-how for the projects.

The project "Development of an Organic Battery Using Polymer Polypyrrol as a Potential Electrode Voltage Source and Current (Gawa mula sa Polymer) Vinegar as Electrolyte" of Carlos Miro Enriquez and Kevin Bryan Jose won Honorable Mention in the Senior Energy division.

QCSHS teachers and project advisers Noel Diaz, Pilar Gerona and Jose Ramon Lorenzo, and principal Amalia Natividad accompanied the students to Houston.

The 2009 I-SWEEEP Olympiad was divided into three senior and three junior categories. Only the three senior competitions were open to schools outside the US.

Held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, the competition drew participants from more than 60 countries around the world, as well as all 50 US states.

I-SWEEEP was organized by the Cosmos Foundation, a nonprofit educational organization in Houston that aims to establish college preparatory K-12 schools focusing on mathematics, science, engineering, and computer technologies. The foundation currently operates 19 public STEM schools in Texas.



L-R) SENGALANG, Carlos, Sengalang, Enriquez, Lorenzo and Jose at the awarding ceremony

Drinking milk helps students perform better

PARENTS should make milk part of their children's diet to help them do better in school.

A Canadian study found that students who passed tests and performed better in school regularly had nutritious foods like milk.

Bear Brand Powdered Milk Choco has key nutrients for optimal growth. Two glasses of Bear Brand milk a day help kids meet their daily nutritional needs for energy, strength and confidence.

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More blessed than the 'Slumdog Millionaire'

By Rochelle M. Razo
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Love for reading

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Hard work and discipline

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RAZO (standing, left) with students of John Dewey School for Children

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